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Still going

At a time when many people are getting ready to enjoy retirement, these teachers and administrators from Romulus schools just keep on moving. All 34 employees with 30 years or more service with Romulus Community School were invited to a program at the high school, where they each received "Years of Service" certificates. They are (first row): Opal McClendon, Rod Hanna, Dawn Plute, Linda Denham, Lynne Mossian, Lorriane Dememter and Chris Consales. In the second row are: Director of Human Resources Ed Clark, Sheila Stasak, Lynn Behta, Don Makrowski, Norbert Glover, Superintendent of Schools Joel Carr and Board of Education Secretary Ken Mientkiewicz.

Schools prepared for fall tests

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The new Michigan Educational Assessment Examination (MEAP) schedule will begin soon, but will students attending Romulus schools be prepared after a three-month summer break?

Tom Dolan, the curriculum director of the schools thinks so, but adds that the plan is not without flaws.

"We have held some instructional sessions during the summer for teachers to prepare them, but the fact remains that the new plan is going against what most states have done as they have implemented No Child Left Behind programs - it tests students on the previous year's work after a long

absence."

This year will be the first year third graders will take the test, Dolan said. Typically, the program tests, not including high school students, grades three through eight. Under the current structure, the measurements will be for grades two through seven.

Teachers at the school will give students a two-week comprehensive review of the material from the previous grade to make sure students retained some of the concepts they studied and have them fresh in their minds, Dolan said.

The schedule for MEAP testing was changed to allow the state to compile comprehensive scores for teachers and administrators in the hopes that any identified shortfalls could be

addressed when teachers received the scores. Distributing data and providing scores initially was a problem for the state.

Joel Carr, the superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, said that testing the students after summer break might not be the best way to measure a student's skill set.

"It's always best to measure at the end of the year," he said. "This way, the test results will be more accurate because there's not the lag of having the summer break. We want to make sure that the tests are as accurate as possible to give us an idea where the students are."

Carr admits he's not a big fan of the test, but recognizes its

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Congressman decries slow EQ findings

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A written report from the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the massive explosion at EQ Environmental Resource Group would help a great deal in determining how hazardous the effects of the fire are to city residents, said Congressman John Dingell (D-Dearborn).

In a letter written to EPA Administrator Steve Johnson obtained by The Romulus Roman, Dingell cites a media report that indicates that the EPA may have detected levels of arsenic and other toxic substances when it performed a battery air quality tests and "wipe" tests on residue that coated homes, cars, and property of 1,000 residents living in the cities of Wayne and Romulus.

"Here we have an agency that is part of the federal government, which is supposed be transparent and act in the public's best interest," said Dingell in an interview Tuesday. "This was one of the biggest fires in the history of the area, and the people that live there have the right to know what was put into the air. So far, they have told us the levels of chemicals are not harmful, but how do we really know that if they don't release a full report? There should be no debate about whether this information is made public."

Karen Thompson, a spokeswoman for the EPA, said an update of the situation will be provided to media outlets on Wednesday. However, it is unclear how comprehensive the update will be.

Alan Lambert, the mayor of Romulus, said he wishes a report had come faster to calm residents'

fears, but said he doesn't believe the EPA is suppressing any information."

"I'm in daily contact with them, and they have told me they will release a report," he said. "I know some residents are nervous. But I have to have faith in the EPA. They were diligent when they came down here for the first week after the fire. They just need more time to compile their results. They have always told me that they would release the results when they had everything complete. But they have also told us that the levels of impurities found are not harmful, and I accept that. I just don't think they are holding back."

The EQ plant - which reconditions hazardous materials for use in the airline and automotive industries - exploded at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Nearly 1,000 residents in Romulus and Wayne were evacuated. Romulus arson investigators, with the assistance of agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, are still investigating the cause of the blaze.

Determining the number of chemicals that were emitted from the plant - and their varying levels - needs to be disclosed by the EPA as soon as possible so an independent analysis can be completed, Dingell said.

"It's apparent they already have information that is readily available, and they're not releasing it, and we have to wonder why," Dingell said. "There needs to be some verification of what they find, and whether these chemicals are cancer-causing or otherwise harmful. It might be that the levels are not harmful - but I don't think the residents should have to just take their word for it."

Paraprofessionals get raise under new 2-year union contract

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Inkster school district paraprofessionals ratified a two-year contract that will give them a 1 percent raise for each year of the agreement.

School Superintendent Joel Carr said the district and the paraprofessionals union was able to come to an agreement last month, and that the Romulus Federation of Paraprofessionals Local 3422 unanimously voted to ratify the deal Aug. 8.

Union President Carol Harrieff mailed ballots to the union mem-

bers, during the summer. The Romulus Federation of Paraprofessionals has 25 members.

The agreement becomes effective the first day of the 2005-06 school year, which was yesterday. However, the district did agree to provide an additional raise if the Romulus teachers union receives a raise in base salaries that exceeds 1 percent for the 2006-07 school year, according to information provided by Ed Clark, the district director of human resources.

The Romulus Education Association, which represents

the 300 district teachers and some administrators, will likely begin negotiating a new, three-year contract next summer.

The union did make concessions to help the district control health care costs.

Health insurance co-pays for the prescription rug program will increase from \$5 to \$10 per prescription to \$10 to \$20, according to information provided by the district. That will take effect on July 1, 2006.

The district will also provide additional seminars and informative meetings about mail-order prescription drugs and

flexible benefit plans.

As the schools continue to reach collective bargaining agreements, administrators are looking for ways to reduce health care costs. The district has stated it will seek to find ways bring the expense down while still providing an exceptional level of benefits for employees.

"Our paraprofessionals are an integral part of our program at Romulus schools," he said. "They help administer many of our programs and are a great help to the teachers. They administer many of our Title I programs. They help give students the students

the quality time and attention we want each student to have. We're very happy to have them on board."

Harrieff was unreachable for comment Tuesday. Romulus School Board members voted unanimously to accept the terms of the contract at the Aug. 22 meeting.

"Parapros," as they are often called, work in classrooms at each of the six district schools. They span grade levels from kindergarten to high school, and perform a number of administrative, clerical and instructional duties.

Parking lot runoff filters hike costs \$37,000

Scott Spielman
Editor

It will cost the City of Wayne an additional \$37,000 to make a proposed municipal parking lot more friendly to the nearby Rouge River.

"It's about what we estimated," said City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib. "It's not too bad."

City council members approved the additional expense last month for the proposed parking lot, which will be constructed where the police department headquarters once stood.

The project would replace the now-vacant field with the parking lot and combine it with a new lot for the Wayne Senior Activity Center, which abuts the property on the west.

Originally scheduled to be

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City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib

completed already, the city decided to put off the project to determine if additional filtration systems should be installed to help take potential contaminants out of the water run off before it flows into the nearby Rouge River.

El-Gharib said the new project will involve including aqua-swirl filters in the man holes.

"It will take out up to 90 percent of the pollutants," he said. "It's an effective system."

The city undertook another parking lot redevelopment project recently when it reconstruct-

ed the lot that services city hall. That project was paid for with grant funds. It served as a pilot program, too, according to El-Gharib, because of the many different levels of natural filters used to protect the river, which runs along the north side of the city property, bordering Goudy Park.

A initial suggestion for the new lot was to tie it into that system.

"We could not do that," El-Gharib said. "It's a totally separate system."

The parking lot project will be

funded through the Wayne Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Even with the additional expense, it's still only about \$17,000 over the initial budget estimate. El-Gharib said he thought the project would have cost \$250,000, but the bids came in lower than expected.

He said the work would start after Labor Day and could be

completed by as early as late September.

"It shouldn't take too long," he said. "By the end of October it should be completed."

He said the only group that may be inconvenienced by the project would be users of the Senior Activity Center.

"We're removing and replacing their parking lot, too," he said.

Canton Newcomers Club plans meetings

The Canton Newcomers—a social, civic and charitable organization designed to acquaint residents with others in the Canton area—will host their first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the Hanford Clubhouse, located at 45800 Hanford Road, west of Canton Center, between Woodmere and Weathersfield in the Sunflower subdivision in Canton.

The monthly group meetings on the first Wednesday of each

month include socializing, activities and guest speakers of interest. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In addition to monthly meetings, members can participate in a variety of social interest groups and community relations activities like a family picnic, a canned food drive, book club, bunko, chick flicks, couples night, ladies night out, mom, dads and tots playgroups, scrapbooking, walking and other activities.

The club motto is: "Where neighbors become friends". Members include life-long and new residents from Canton and the other surrounding areas. People are welcome to attend one meeting and two social events without an obligation to join. Membership is \$20 for a year and includes 10 newsletters.

For more information about the Canton Newcomers or to join, call 734-737-0755 or visit www.angeleities.com.

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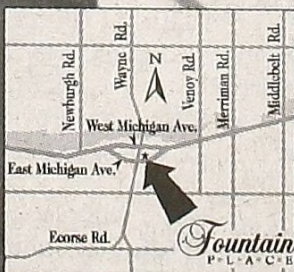
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Ordinance compliance tops with hopeful

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Steven Lewkowicz is a familiar face and name in Romulus for a number of reasons.

Lewkowicz – whose father, John, served as the city treasurer for several years – campaigned for a city council seat four years ago. This year, he's again trying his hand at public service.

"I've always thought that being a councilman meant that you were supposed to be a public servant," he said. "But I think that the (council members) that are up there now don't represent us in the way my father did. I would be a public servant, if I'm elected."

One of Lewkowicz' main goals as a councilman would be to find ways to relieve residents from high property taxes, he said.

"I'm not sure if it would be possible, but I think we don't get enough from Metro Airport," he said. "I would like to see them re-name it Romulus Metro Airport, but I would also like to see the city sell the naming rights (to the airport). That money could then be passed along to taxpayers in terms of a reduction (of

property taxes.)"

Another goal would be to hold companies responsible if they break existing city ordinances.

"We have a lot of trucking companies that are ignoring ordinances," he said. "Heavy trucking, large loads, roadway use – many of these things are limited where there are homes. I've had a lot of problems with the council regarding enforcing the ordinances, and I think that needs to stop, for the resi-

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Steven Lewkowicz

dents."

He said there's nothing more annoying than listening to a noisy truck roaring down the street.

"That is the kind of thing that significantly reduces the quality of life for residents."

Recreation is also a concern for Lewkowicz. "I think it's



Steven Lewkowicz

great that the programs are as good as they are," he said, "but we need more programs."

The candidate said one thing that sets him apart is that he would always think independently.

"I'm not looking for anyone's endorsement or approval," he said. "I understand that council people are up there to represent the residents and make the city better for all who live here."

That being said, Lewkowicz said there is much more development in the last few years, and businesses are coming back to the city. He said he would work to strike a balance between the needs of businesses and the needs of residents.

Lewkowicz is a lifelong Romulus resident. A machinist and machine salesman, he is between jobs now, but is operating his own lawn care business part time.

Man convicted in deadly gun-shop fire

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A 22-year-old Detroit man was convicted of first-degree felony murder and accessory after the fact to arson at Wayne County Circuit Court last week in the death of an Inkster businessman.

David McKinney learned his fate after jurors deliberated for several hours, said Wayne County Prosecutor Steve Taratuta. He will be sentenced to mandatory life in prison for his role in the Aug. 3 arson-murder that took the life of 54-year-old Clyde Alexander and destroyed Irv's Gun Range, a longtime fixture on Michigan Avenue.

Taratuta said he's happy with the jury's decision.

"We're ecstatic about the decision," said Taratuta. "We've got the guy who actually set the fire and killed the victim, we've got the guy who planned it – this was an outstanding outcome for us. There are still three suspects at large, but we're working with the Inkster Police and are hopeful there will be more arrests."

Testimony at the two-day trial revealed that McKinney had planned to rob the gun shop for several weeks leading up to the blaze. According to Inkster Police Det. Anthony Delgreco, McKinney was paid \$500 to map out a plan for the robbery.

"He went in (the gun shop) a month before the robbery and learned the layout of the store, and talked with Clyde," he said. "He even drew a map of the place so the others would know where they were supposed to go – and he was a lookout in the back of the store when Clyde was being beaten."

Witnesses testified that McKinney and five unarmed co-conspirators entered the store shortly after 11 a.m. Alexander – who was recovering from heart surgery at the time – was vastly outnumbered and easily overpowered by the younger men.

Alexander was beaten, then bound and gagged in a small stockroom, police said. Then the men went on to rob the store of several guns and some cash.

But later, McKinney saw smoke coming from the building.

"This was originally was supposed to be just a robbery, but one of the men – Anthony Fields – said it was wild in there, Delgreco said. "He was the one that poured a petroleum liquid

that was already in the store and ignited it."

Minutes later, the store was engulfed. Medical examiner's reports indicated that Alexander was alive when the fire began, but he might have been unconscious. The official findings indicate he died of smoke inhalation.

Fields, 17 and of Inkster, was sentenced to life in prison on March 31 on one count of first-degree murder, one count of arson and felony firearms charges. A 14-year-old boy involved in the case was convicted in juvenile court for second-degree murder. He will remain in a juvenile facility until he is 21 years old.

Delgreco said that the maximum sentence might not have been handed down to McKinney if he had come forward early on about his knowledge of the crime.

"Unfortunately, we have a lot of people in our city that have been killed," he said. "We also know that there are a lot of people who have knowledge of these crimes. They need to come forward – because if they are involved but didn't actually perpetrate the act – they could be a witness. It's better to be a witness than to be a defendant. If we find out about something, and one of these people hasn't cooperated, we don't need you anymore."

Detective Lt. Kevin Smith said detectives put in long hours on the case. "Detective Delgreco and Det. (Patrick) McLaughlin worked diligently on this case, and a lot of people thought it would never be solved," he said. "I remember on the day (the fire) occurred, we had to sit by helplessly and watch most of our evidence go up in smoke. But through good detective work, we're bringing this to a conclusion."

Police Cmdr. Gregory Hill said he has had contact with the family, and that he believes they are satisfied. "Obviously, something like this happening to a loved one would take a distinct toll on anyone, no matter who they are," he said. "But I believe they are satisfied with the results we've been able to get so far."

Anyone with information about the Aug. 3, 2004 fire at Irv's Gun Shop – or any other crime in the city – is urged to call the Inkster Detective Bureau at (313) 563-9856.

Candidate stresses youth, leadership

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Rodney Pennington hopes an injection of new blood on the city council will bring new ideas to improve the city when the votes are counted on Nov. 8.

"It's been the same old, same old on council for a long time," said Pennington, a life-long Romulus resident whose father served as a township trustee before the city officially incorporated in 1970. "We really need some new ideas, and some of them have been up there for more than 12 years."

An integral part Pennington's campaign is bringing more young people into local politics.

"Young people need to be included because they are the future of Romulus," he said. "We don't have too many people that are old anymore – most of our residents are under 35. We need to find a way to engage those people. And the people up there – other than one – are over 50 years old. Young people will help bring new ideas into the city because they have a completely different perspective."

Parks, recreation, business and other issues envelop most of Pennington's ideas.

"The city's parks are a big resource of activity for area school kids, and we need to take better care of them than we have," he said. "The biggest park we have is Elmer Johnson Park, and it's probably the most used. It's just not maintained the way it should be. I've seen things there that shouldn't be there, and I would focus on that."

Pennington said it's important not to lose sight of the city park system because a new

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Rodney Pennington

recreation center will open next year.

"I think a lot of people will still use the parks because the location of the recreation building (on Wayne Road) is a little far off for some people," he said. "That's what I've heard when I talk to residents about the avail-



Rodney Pennington

able recreation in the city. Park usage will likely not fall off because of the new facility."

Bringing business to the city and lowering the tax burden on residents is also a big part of making Romulus a better place to live, Pennington said.

"We're going to have casinos and a racetrack here pretty soon, and some of the money that generates should be set aside to give residents a break on their taxes," he said. "There's going to be a lot of money coming in for that, some of that should be used to help residents who have paid high taxes for many, many years."

Pennington is the owner of Pennington Janitorial Service, a longtime Romulus business. He has three daughters and spends much of his time involved in their school activities. He also keeps himself busy with church activities.

Schools - Kids to review options

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importance to the district. MEAP scores are linked to the state No Child Left Behind Act, which can penalize districts that don't show continuous improvement. Those measured levels are tied to funding because when a district fails repeatedly, they must offer students a

Schools of Choice option – which means students would be able to attend another district -- and take their \$6,700 in funding with them. Romulus Community Schools, however, are in good standing.

"The tests are here, it's something we have to deal with," Carr said. "It is what it is. But we're prepared for the new schedule. We've done a lot of preparation."

THE SCENE

'Grimm' reality

Movie is pure torture for audience

Once upon a time there was a young movie reviewer who traveled all over the countryside looking for a magical movie to save all the land. But instead he was hurled into an endless summer of horrific tales.

That's when something wicked this way came – wicked meaning bad, really bad – and it was called *The Brothers Grimm*. Not since *Van Helsing* had he seen something so excruciating and exceedingly boring.

Our hero had been down this path before, usually leaving a trail of greasy buttery popcorn in order to find his way back without a hindrance. He survived the evil *Dukes of Hazzard*. He fought off *Four Brothers* and endured *The Longest Yard* while avoiding the spell of the *Skeleton Key*. He feared nothing. But this time the usually enchanting director Terry Gilliam, now an evil yarn spinner, had gobbled up his trail like an ogre, stranding the poor critic in a vast world of movies gone bad.

Will the lad live happily ever after? That remains to be seen.

Sometimes there is no coming back from a bad movie.

He kicked and clawed his way past *The Brothers Grimm*, which best describes itself: grim.

The newly released fairytale adventure film is nothing more than convoluted mess with no plot, bad acting and special effects that fall as flat as a Gingerbread Man.

Grimm is not a bio of the famed brothers Wilfred and Jacob Grimm who brought us such fairytales as *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Hansel and Gretel*. Nor is it a fantastic depiction of any or all of their tales.

Instead screen writer Ehren Krueger (*Skeleton Key*) and Gilliam make the brothers Will (Matt Damon) and Jake (Heath Ledger) two-bit con men who travel village to village ridding them of monsters and enchantments – as false as they may be – for some quick cash.

Will is a the smooth businessman of the two. He holds a mighty mean grudge against his dreamer of a brother, Jake, who actually sold the family cow for a handful of magic beans when they were younger.

All goes well until the French authorities figure out their scheme.

Once captured, the brothers are given a choice: death or help General Delatombe (Jonathan Pryce) dissolve the mystery surrounding the disappearances of several young maidens in one of the villages.

Of course they choose the latter and are sent on their way, guarded by goofy French soldier Cavaldi (Peter Stormare) and helped by the feminist warrior Angelika (Lena Headley).

They find that the forest surrounding the village is truly enchanted by the evil Mirror Queen (Monica Bellucci).

Beyond that there is little else to be told about the story, or little else worth telling, since the storyline really makes no sense. Throughout, Gilliam and Krueger loosely tie in pieces of the true Grimm brothers' tales.

Damon and Ledger turn in probably their worse performances ever while the usually good Stormare is actually painful to watch. The bright spot was Bellucci who looks beautiful, even as the 500-year-old queen.

The film is rated PG-13. It feels like it was made as a children's movie, but there are two particularly grotesque scenes that really puts it over the top—scenes that have no bearing on the plot, whatsoever.

The Brothers Grimm is truly a grim tale. For some it may be too late but all paths leading to this fiasco should be avoided until you can sit at home and watch it for free on a network movie of the week years from now.

Unfortunately, nobody will live happily ever after this one.

As far as our hero reviewer: his story is...to be continued. Join him next as he tries to survive the treacherous holiday weekend lineup. *The Constant Gardener*, *A Sound of Thunder*, *Transporter 2* or *Underclassman*, which will he attempt to slay.



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Head Start Program celebrates new services

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Guidance Center and Head Start preschool program hosted a free Fun Fair event at McCoy's Ice Cream Parlor in Belleville last week.

"We want to get the word out about the free services provided by the Head Start program for the people who might not know about us," said Sue Stoddard, site leader for the Belleville area locations.

Activities included preschool enrollment, face painting, games, door prizes, hearing and vision tests. Every child received five free books and free ice cream.

Head Start is a comprehensive child development program that provides preschool education to low-income children as well as social services, parenting programs and other family services.

"It's the only pre-school program that is federally funded that offers free services for income eligible families," said Stoddard.

Recently, Head Start made extensive changes, adding a new program to expand

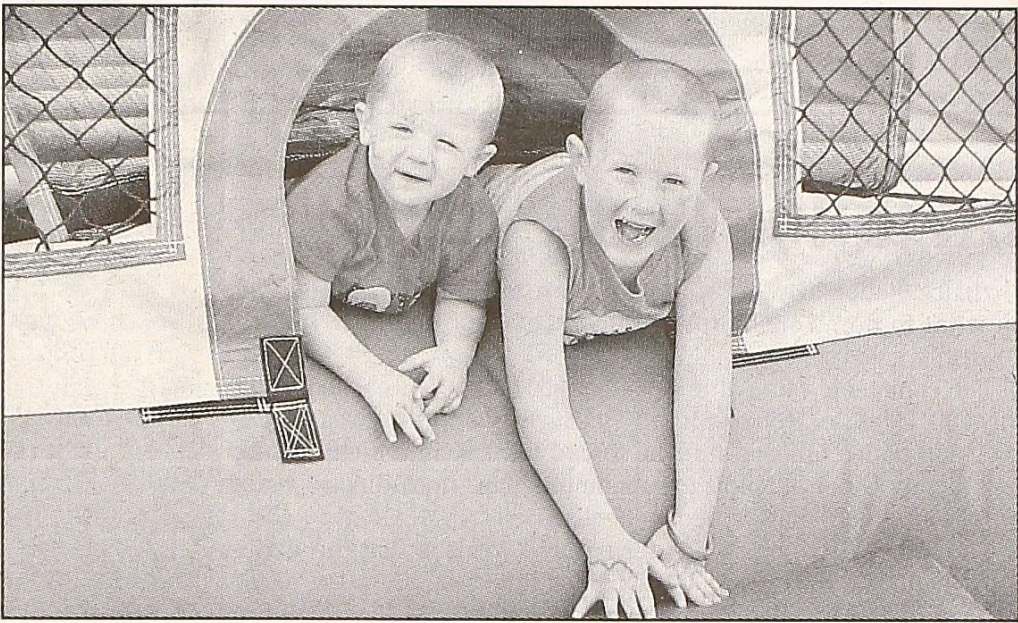
the number of Head Start offerings. The program links governmental agencies with private child-care providers to expand Head Start to become full-day sessions.

Now, Head Start will also offer another learning opportunity—a home base program.

"It's a nice option to service families until we open our new location at Rawsonville elementary. Teachers will come into the home once a week, then twice a month we'll have a socialization day where we bring all the children together," said Stoddard. "It could be in the classroom or for a field trip."

Head Start is available in the Belleville Area through the Sumpter Township Community Center, the Wayne County Community College District and the soon to be new location at Rawsonville Elementary School. All programs are self-transport. Session times also vary.

For more information about program offerings, times and services available through Head Start, contact the Belleville location at 734-699-7493 or the Sumpter Township location at 734-461-1648.



The Belleville area Head Start programs hosted a Fun Fair last week at McCoy's Ice Cream Parlor in Belleville. Deven Tackett, 2, and Russell Tackett, 6, were just some of the children who enjoyed the games and free giveaways.

Wayne reduces time owners have to cut down high weeds

Scott Spielman
Editor

Landowners who are reluctant to perform routine maintenance on their yards will have less time before the city acts on their properties.

City council members approved changes in the weed list procedures recently that allows the city to respond more quickly to properties that aren't maintained.

"It gives us an extra week," said City Councilman Don Hartford. He's one of the city council members who has pushed to give the city more authority to take care of blighted properties.

Under the new rules, city ordinance officers will issue notice to property owners with high weeds – taller than 6 inches – that the properties will be placed on the weed roll at the next city council meeting.

The city council approved the weed roll, and the city clerk will send out notices, according to Ramzi El-Gharib, city engineer and chief building official.

That notice will tell property owners that the city will abate the nuisance if they do not mow their properties by the following Monday, he said.

"On Tuesday, we'll send our contractors out to cut it," he said.

In addition to the time it takes to give the weeds to grow too tall to begin with, it gives property owners almost a week – and a full weekend – to respond to the final notice before the city cuts the weeds, El-Gharib said.

The previous procedure allowed landowners a second week and weekend.

"We're gaining about a week, which is good," El-Gharib said.

If the city is forced to send contractors to the properties, property owners will be billed for the expense, he added. That could be as much as \$135.

The vast majority of property owners in Wayne take care of their yards, he said, but there are some vacant rental properties that continually come up.

"Mostly, it's foreclosed properties," he said, "but we do have some repeat offenders."



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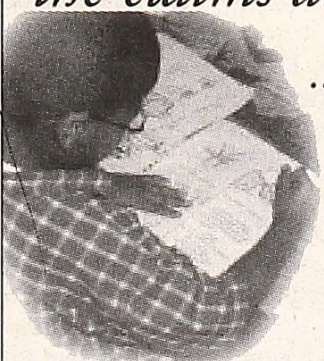
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OPINION

An unfortunate reality

"In a situation like this, it's not the township that makes a decision on what to do," Tom Tiderington, chief of police in Plymouth Township, said recently.

The comments came after a settlement had been reached in the July 2004 death of Robert Steven VanBuren. VanBuren was shot by township police officers after he forced his way into a church day care facility. Other attempts to subdue the man – including repeated use of a taser gun – had proved ineffective.

The sad reality beneath Tiderington's words is that the police department and the officers involved had little say in how the resulting lawsuit was handled. The decision to settle for \$1.95 million was ultimately made by an insurance company, which looked at it in a pure financial manner.

And that's too bad, because they have no idea of the trauma this incident left behind – for all parties.

We don't want to take away anything from the grief the family must feel at the death of their son, however troubled he may have been, but the tragedy doesn't stop there.

It's difficult, but try to put yourself in the place of the officers who responded to the call. They didn't know much, only that a man had pushed his way into the facility, that there were teachers there, children at risk. They responded the way they were trained: they confronted the man, tried to get him to leave or come along with them. When words failed, a physical confrontation resulted. The situation escalated and the officers felt they had no choice; they had to use deadly force.

Anyone who has ever been in that position will tell you that it's certainly not an easy decision. It's something that can haunt a person for the rest of his or her days, no matter how justified it might have been.

Tiderington has continued to back up the actions taken by his men, calling them the right thing to do, heroic even.

It's a shame that the township could not back them up, too. We put this awesome trust in police officers, train them to the best of their ability and then trust them to make the right decisions in an instant in any situation – when most of the rest of us couldn't even decide on what to choose for lunch.

Now, these officers will have to carry this shadow with them, going forward, simply because they weren't afforded a chance to fully state their case.

That's a shame. We think they deserved that, at the very least.

Voters were denied choice

There were a few reasons that factored into the seemingly abrupt decision by the Belleville City Council to sever some ties with Sumpter Township and transfer their Central Dispatch Service (CDN) to Van Buren Township.

The Aug. 30 deadline to get an issue on the November ballot was fast approaching, for one thing. It's been an ongoing dispute with officials in Sumpter Township, too, something city officials have long worked to resolve.

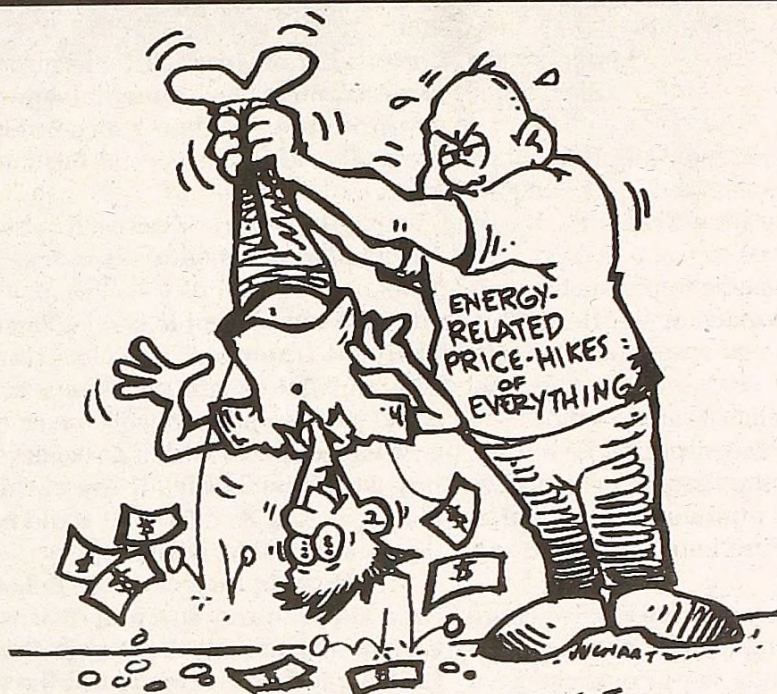
Even so, this was the wrong way to go about it.

The move came after a 3-2 vote from the council. Mayor Tom Fielder and Councilman William Emerson voted against it. It was one option the city council faced to try to save costs, otherwise funding for the CDN would have run out in January, during the middle of the city fiscal year.

The other option was to present to the residents of the city a millage request on the November ballot.

It's true that asking for additional taxes in this economic climate is

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THIS WOULD BE REALLY UNPLEASANT IF I OWNED A GAS HOG S.U.V.!!

The art of a bewildered shrug

What do you do when success is impossible?

I posed that question to myself recently and came up with the answer: whatever you want.

It's a bit churlish, I admit, but it suited my mood.

Two options that never really came up, though, were trying to avoid the situation or giving up and leaving in a huff.

That's why I was a little alarmed at the sudden end to a special Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday.

I had expected a couple of spirited discussions on proposed amendments to the Seven Mile Road Planned Urban Development (PUD) – the 420 acre parcel of land that went up for auction Tuesday afternoon – and some change orders for work at Community Park, which has been to Northville Township what the Zilwaukee Bridge was to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Anyone familiar with municipal jargon probably wouldn't expect too much of interest to come from proposed zoning amendments or change orders, but in that regard I'm an optimist. If nothing else, I figured I'd at least get some closure on stories that keep coming back to me the way the taste of a White Castle hamburger does, a day or so later.

The tension started before the discussion did, though.

The township planning commission and the board of trustees have discussed this property since before the state decided to try to sell it, two years ago. They've tweaked the plan a number of times, most recently after the latest attempt to sell it off fell through.

The trustees were set to vote on the latest version at their regular meeting on Aug. 18, but Trustee Christopher Roosen dropped a number of proposed changes on the laps of the other trustees that night, and they tabled the issue.

So, when it came up last week, Township Supervisor Mark Abbo first wanted to see how the board felt about the amended plan, before they discussed the proposed amendments to the amendments. Roosen and Clerk Sue Hillebrand, though, apparently took it as an attempt to rubber stamp the proposal before the new changes could be talked about.

They had different reactions.

"So much for consensus," Roosen cried out. He tried to adjourn the meeting before any kind of vote was taken, but his motion for adjournment died for a lack of support.

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Headlight of oncoming train is blinding

You have to wonder why municipalities don't see fiscal train wrecks coming.

Last month, Inkster officials discovered a \$645,000 operating shortfall for the current fiscal year. To balance the books on the 2004-05 fiscal year, the city had to transfer \$500,000 from city accounts because expenditures were somewhat more than expected, and revenues from property taxes and other sources came in far below budget forecasts. City Manager Joyce Parker said the deficit was the result of "several years" of overruns.

In reality, the city must find about \$1 million to keep delivering police, fire, public works, and any number of services at current levels, according to one councilman's estimates.

To make up the difference, the city will – unless Hurricane Katrina comes ashore and wipes out western Wayne County – approve placing a question on the November ballot that would ask voters to approve a measure called a Headlee override, which would allow the city to levy additional mills beyond set state limits. The council will discuss it Sept. 6.

If approved, the new tax would cost Inkster homeowners an additional \$50 per year. That's not much unless you consider that there's an unemployment rate of 10.4 percent and several residents that live well below the poverty line in the city of

31,115 residents.

This initiative narrowly passed the council vote – it was 4-3 in favor of asking for the levy. But few are pondering some of the reasons this may have happened in the first place. The city also asked department heads to cut their budgets by about 3 percent, and some cut more.

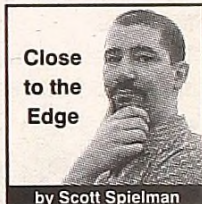
But the real question is, how did the city not see this coming? Some council members said they knew there would be a small shortfall, but others seemed surprised the deficit was as large as it was – even though the city had several quarterly budget sessions to make sure the budget was on track.

But here's where a problem lies. During the time the city was having overruns, the officials that steer the city likely did not see the forest for the trees.

City council members continued to back its treasurer, Alicia Wilson, whose work with the numbers sometimes raised questions. Some council members privately indicated dissatisfaction with her preparation for various meetings. After one pension board meeting, a former police officer returned a check from the treasurer's office for \$16,000. It was supposed to be for \$1,600.

Another ongoing issue is the management at the

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Letters

Visitor praises improvements
To the editor:

I recently visited Canton for dining and shopping. I did some research and now understand congratulations are in order to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for their proactive approach to improvements on Ford Road. I applaud the leadership of Kathleen Salla and all the DDA team on the following recent accomplishments:

Retiming the lights at Morton Taylor and Sheldon roads; vastly improved crosswalks (yes, we do walk between locations); the beautification, including flowers and banners.

In addition, finally collaboration with MDOT and Wayne County, thanks to the dedication and commitment of Supervisor Tom Yack and State Rep. Phil LaJoy that yielded \$1.2 million for: widening the southbound ramp of I-275 at Ford Road, resulting in dual left turn lanes and dual right turn lanes onto Ford Road; the addition of a dedicated right turn lane for eastbound Ford Road onto I-275 southbound (in front of White Castle); a continuous right turn lane on westbound Ford, between Haggerty and Lilley roads.

Judith Canavan,
Dearborn Heights

Meeting

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Hillebrand said the meeting – for which the planning commission was brought in, too – was a waste of time, if all the board was going to do was rubber stamp the issue. She left after the vote was taken, even though there were other items on the agenda.

Other people in the audience looked at me, as if I could offer some kind of explanation. Fortunately, I've perfected the art of the bewildered shrug. I used it several times that night.

It was actually something I hadn't expected from Hillebrand, who I know takes her job very serious-

ly. To me, when the person responsible for keeping township records leaves in the middle of the meeting – for something other than an emergency – it's a dereliction of duty. I understand her frustration, too. She has long advocated for reduced density in developments, the preservation of green space and those fights are not always fruitful. But she's got a strong voice – it's why people elected her – and for that reason she needs to remain a part of the discussion.

She probably regrets her hasty departure, but even so, I think she owes her trustee colleagues an apology.

As for Roosen? Well, I'm not sure what purpose adjourning the meeting that night would have served. These matters still need

closure and putting them off until you can get your way won't solve anything.

That was a first for me, actually, so don't look to me for answers about it or an explanation.

Unless, of course, you want to see one of my perfected bewildered shrugs.

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always an iffy proposal, but we think this is something on which the residents deserved the chance to vote. The change effectively means they police station in downtown Belleville won't be open for 24 hours a day and calls will be dispatched out of Van Buren Township instead of the dispatch room in city hall.

Many other communities have gone to a similar plan; most recently Northville and Northville Township combined dispatch services. The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township combined theirs several years ago. Westland and Inkster have a joint dispatch operation, too.

These have not come without controversy, though. One common element is the

sense of identity a 24-hour dispatch – with a police department employee – brings to a community. It's comforting for residents to know if they need to, they can go down to city hall, or the police department, and talk to a live person in the case of an emergency.

Are we at a place in time where municipalities can no longer fund these nostalgic comforts? It most likely depends on the community.

In Belleville, though, the additional time to promote a millage campaign would also give the city additional time to negotiate with Sumpter Township to come up with a more adequate cost-sharing formula. It would also give them more time to plan the transfer to Van Buren Township, should both those negotiations and the proposed millage request fail.

Either way, we think the residents deserved a chance to vote on this important issue, not have the decision forced on them.

Budget

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police department. Currently, the department employs a chief and deputy chief, a road patrol commander whose job will be cut because of the budget crunch, an officer who is now installing computers, and yet another consultant who is installing an expensive computer-mapping program for about \$120,000.

This department used to be overseen by a single chief of police. At different times in the history of the department, a deputy chief has been employed, but when the council approved the creation of the commander's position, no one bothered to inquire about whether it was necessary to have one, and had the position remained in place, it could have cost the city about \$40,000.

Now, there are questions about the leadership of the department – grants that would have helped policing in the city that were never applied for and existing and potential lawsuits citing discrimination and abusive behavior. But the city, for the most part, is burying their heads in the sand – and asking residents to foot the bill.

Whenever a member of council is asked about ineffective leadership in the city, they say it's not their role to micro-manage department heads.

To their credit, Mayor Hilliard Hampton and Councilmen Ron Johnson and Michael Canty voted against the tax-hike proposal. And it must be said that Inkster is not the only city at financial crossroads.

But the elected officials need to be proactive about cutting programs and people that are not serving the public good. Residents need to insist on it before they open their wallets.

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Barbeque chairman lives out dream at train shop

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Jan Eisen wants to do chicken right. As a member of the Noon Rotary Club, the Plymouth businessman has taken on the enviable task of coordinating the golden anniversary of the Rotary Chicken Barbeque.

"It's been tough," he said. "We've had meetings since last October. It's a lot of work, but everything's coming together."

Those meetings last fall took time away from Eisen's true love: trains.

Eisen has loved trains all his life. As a child in the Netherlands, he didn't have an elaborate train set like the one Rick Schroeder had on the television show *Silver Spoons*. He had a small set, which he loved just the same.

In his adult years, he put his love for trains on the back burner. It was his son who brought the locomotives back to the forefront.

When his son was 2, he wandered into a toy store and went right for the model trains.

"The basement of the store was full of trains," Eisen said. "I've always been interested in trains, so I took that as a sign, and, having a son, I could always say the trains I bought were for him."

Eisen bought an inexpensive starter kit. He then made additional purchases on Ebay. Soon after, Eisen's love for trains became so strong that he decided to open a train shop in downtown Plymouth.

"I had to get a shop," he said. "My wife said, 'get these trains out of here. I can't walk anywhere.'"

Eisenbahn—German for "railroad"—Model Trains has been at 479 S. Main St. since November 2002. The shop specializes in Marklin trains, which come by plane from Germany. Eisen said once he places an order, his new inventory arrives in about a week.

"Marklin is a good brand," Eisen said. "It's of extremely high quality, and that's the only brand I carry."

Eisen said there are not many Marklin dealers in the area. In fact, he is the only Marklin dealer in the

state. That has helped him with some of his customers.

"From time to time, people who only speak German will come into my store," Eisen said. "I speak German, so we can talk about Marklin, and it makes them feel comfortable."

Eisen said young people have gravitated toward the Internet and video games. That shows in his clientele, too, he said.

"Early on, every boy had a train set," he said. "Now kids want to play on their computers all the time. You'd think the average age of my customers would be around 14 or 15, but most of the people who come in are about 65."

A teen might not have the cash to buy some of Eisen's trains. The smaller locomotives cost anywhere from \$150 to \$600. Larger models run in the \$1,000 range.

Eisen said he has a good clientele. Most customers don't use the 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday hours Eisen keeps his shop open. He said most of the sales he makes come from his web site: eisen trains.com. The site has a photo gallery and a full inventory.

Eisen's not in the business just for profit, though. He is in a group called the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE). The group travels to train shows—in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan—and sets up their models. The models ETE sets up are usually 20/50 ft.

While he served as the inspiration for the venture, Eisen said his son, now 8, has other interests. Eisen did make a case for more people to become involved with trains, though.

"We're all really nice and easy to talk to," he said.

"I have yet to meet a mean train guy."



Jan Eisen is living his childhood dream with his model train store in downtown Plymouth. Eisen is the chairman of the Noon Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque Committee this year during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Plymouth Idol is sought

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Ten contestants from five preliminary competitions will be allowed to compete for the title on Saturday afternoon in the large entertainment area behind E. G. Nick's on Forest Street. The top two performers from each of the five preliminary

competitions will be invited to perform for the celebrity judges in the large entertainment area from 2 until 4 p.m. Sept. 10.

Preliminary contests are scheduled for tonight at Plymouth Crossing in Plymouth, tomorrow at Marvaso's in Westland and Saturday at E.G. Nick's in Plymouth.

Judges will listen to contestants from 10 p.m. until midnight during these preliminaries and choose two performers to compete at the Saturday afternoon Plymouth Idol event.

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Glenn Rockets overcome Belleville Tigers, 17-14

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Friday night lights emblazoned the skies around most high schools across Michigan last week for the start of football season.

It was a warm, muggy evening but that didn't stop throngs of fans from converging on the John Glenn Rockets' stadium as they took on the Belleville Tigers on opening night. Excitement and anticipation filled the air.

At 7 p.m. it all started—bands playing, cheerleaders cheering and fans chanting. And by 9:15 p.m. it was all over.

This was a night where the older and more experienced Tigers were favored over the very young and inexperienced Rockets. It is considered a rebuilding year for Glenn. They had nothing to lose and they played like it.

In the end, Jerry Smith proved that it only takes one play to win a football game.

With just more than 2:00 left in the game and Glenn trailing 14-9, junior quarterback Justin Reid hurled a pass at Smith as he sprinted down the sidelines.

Smith bobbled the ball for about 10 yards before he gained control of it and ran it in for the score. It was a 70-yard play.

"It was unexpected," Smith said. "The play blew up and then I just went deep when I saw him (Reid) look at me. I was just hoping for the best. I was thinking if I dropped the ball how I would let everyone down."

The TD made it a 15-14 game in favor the Rockets. But they weren't done yet. Head Coach Todd Deluca wanted to make it a three-point game and attempted a two-point conversion. Running back Brandon Pratt punched it in for two to give the Rockets a 17-14 victory.

Pratt ended the night as the Rockets leading rusher with 106 yards.

He scored the team's other touchdown, too, midway through the first quarter. It gave Glenn a 7-0 lead.

Then it was Belleville's turn.

They marched downfield to Glenn's 13-yard line but the Rockets' defense held on a fourth-and-one attempt.

On their next possession, though—14 seconds into the second quarter—Belleville quarter-



Belleville gang tackles Glenn's running back at the end of a play last Friday night. The Rockets came from behind to win, 17-14

back Josh Lemons connected with Matt Pinner for a 52-yard completion. It was knocked loose by a defender into the end zone, only to be covered up by Dajuan Roberts for the score. The extra point failed, but the Tigers nar-

rowed the gap, 7-6.

They scored again on their second possession of the second frame. This time it was on the wheels of running back Carlos Clark. He trucked to the outside, then burned around the corner past the defense for a 34-yard score. He came back into the line up and scored the two-point conversion to give the Tigers a 14-7 lead.

It wasn't until almost midway through the fourth period when more points were tacked onto the board.

Belleville had possession on their 24-yard line, but were moved back on a false start to the 19. Then they fumbled and regained the ball on their own 5. On a third-and-29 play they attempted to run it out but the back was tackled in the end zone for a safety, putting Glenn back in the game, 9-14.

"It's been a good play for us all year long and we had a couple times when it went well, so, what are you going to do," said Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe after the game. "We just have to learn from our mistakes and

learn how to win.

"We had this game in our pocket and we let it slip out," he added. "We have some young kids that made a couple of errors that we can correct. I thought we had effort and that's what we're going to build on."

Lemons finished 3-of-10 for 70 yards and a TD. Clark led the backfield with 109 yards on eight carries.

Reid was 5-for-10 with 120 yards for Glenn.

This should be a confidence booster for the young Rockets, who weren't expected to win.

"This is just a tremendous win after the off-season we just had and how hard we've worked," Deluca said. "It's a great payday."

"We're going into the second game obviously on a roll but we have to come back to earth real quick because Northville is a good football team," he added. "And if we celebrate too long that will affect us next week."

Glenn heads to Northville to face first-year coach Ryan Hockman at 7 p.m. tonight.

Belleville hosts Southgate at 7 p.m. tomorrow.



Glenn's quarterback Justin Reid feels the pressure of Belleville's defense. Reid threw the winning touchdown in the final minutes of the game.

Young Northville Mustangs struggle in gridiron opener

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

After a 2004 season that saw the Northville Mustangs go 7-3 (4-1 Western Lakes), a lot of changes were in the cards for the squad.

The 2005 football team returned just one starter. Northville has a new head coach in Ryan Hockman, and the varsity team has 36 underclassmen.

All those changes showed last weekend when the Mustangs were stung by the Saline Hornets, 40-13.

Saline came out strong, taking a 7-0 lead on a Vince Helmuth

nine-yard touchdown run.

After a Mustang 3-and-out, Eric Williams returned a punt 56 yards for a score, giving the Hornets a 13-0 advantage.

Saline continued to find the end zone in the second stanza, as Williams scored on a 35-yard scamper and Austin Trott found pay dirt on an 88-yard run.

Northville trailed 27-0 at half-time. The Mustangs were out gained 236-105 through the first two quarters. The young Northville team gave up three first half touchdowns on drives of two plays, four plays and two plays.

"What I saw was a young

team that made some mistakes," Hockman said. "We had some bad field position, and we got behind early. Any time that happens, it's going to be tough to win."

Saline's ground attack continued to pound the Mustang defense in the third quarter, as Keith Marsh gave the Hornets a 34-0 lead after a 14-yard run.

Northville avoided a shutout when senior running back Abbas Cheaib scored on a 35-yard scamper. Junior quarterback Mike DeLuca and senior wide receiver Steve Clark hooked up for a 42-yard touchdown pass, making the score 34-

13 in favor of Saline. Williams rumbled into the end zone again 20 seconds later on a 65-yard score, the final score of the game.

Deluca had 81 yards through the air, while Cheaib ran for 79 yards on 13 carries. Clark led the Mustangs with 77 yards on five grabs. Junior linebacker Greg Hasse led the defense with 12 tackles. Free safety David Bandy made 10 stops.

Saline stayed on the ground the entire game, racking up 266 yards on just 14 attempts. Williams led the ground attack with 104 yards on only three carries. Helmuth had 75 yards on 10

attempts, and Austin had 88 yards on his only carry of the game.

Hockman said he and his staff would look at their personnel this week to make sure Northville has the right players in the right spots. He also said he doesn't want his team to get down on themselves this early in the season.

"It's just one game," Hockman said. "We're not going to let this one loss ruin our season. We'll be back."

The Mustangs hit the field again at 7 p.m. tonight on their home field to take on John Glenn High School.

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Wayne Zebras football falls 40-0 in home opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Disappointment settled into the voice of Craig Hnatuk, head football coach for Wayne Memorial High School, as he talked about the Zebras' opening game last Friday—a disheartening 40-0 shutout at the hands of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

He said he was without three of his starting players, including his starting running back. He decided that that didn't matter, though, as it came down to one thing: Jesuit was plainly better.

"They had better athletes than

we did," he said. "They played better, had better people. We didn't have guys that matched up.

"You can't play a team like that with backups," he added. "You have to have your team ready to go. If you're not full throttle you can't beat a team like Jesuit."

Wayne evidently had a difficult time stopping Jesuit's offense but had an equally difficult time on offense, giving up a turnover, a fumble and an interception, that the Cubs converted into points.

"I felt at times the kids threw in the towel a little bit," he said. "When we threw the interception, I didn't see a Wayne Memorial team trying to tackle that guy."

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football team is coached.*
Craig Hnatuk

tion, I didn't see a Wayne Memorial team trying to tackle that guy.

"We didn't play hard enough," he added. "We didn't play like a Wayne football team is coached."

Hnatuk said before the game that he was hoping to ride the momentum of last season into

this one. The Zebra's only posted a 3-6 record last year but they ended on a high note, winning their last two. The final game of the year was the biggest. They defeated cross-town rivals the John Glenn Rockets in Westland for the coveted City Championship crown.

They're off to a rocky start but have a chance to redeem themselves against the Churchill Chargers at 7 p.m. at home today. Churchill is also coming off a lopsided 38-12 loss to Plymouth High School.

The young Rockets still have several wholes to fill, including the quarterback position.

"They'll keep battling for it," Hnatuk said. "There are other positions that are also in question. We'll just have to see who produces and who doesn't. Hopefully we'll have it straightened out soon. If not, there will be a lot of changes. It's gut check time at Wayne Memorial."

Salem Rocks roll past Pinckney, 7-0, for opening road victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It wasn't a blowout like several other opening football games last Friday. It wasn't a scoring free-for-all either. But Salem's 7-0 victory against the Pinckney Pirates was what it was—a check in the win column.

That's all Salem Coach Bob Cummings wanted.

"It's always nice to start the season off with a win," he said. "The kids worked for this, five long weeks of practice and working out. You don't want to work all

that time and walk away with nothing."

The game remained scoreless through the first half and for more than half of the third session. But with about 5:17 left in the quarter Salem quarterback Kevin Bradley scrambled for 18 yards and a score, according to Cummings.

The score capped off a 12-play, 80-yard drive that started on their own 20.

The offense also had a 26-play series that led them to Pinckney's three-yard line. The Pirates' defense held the Rocks, forcing

them to go for it on fourth down. The attempt fell short, but Salem ate up 10 minutes off the clock—a strategy Cummings wants to enforce more this year.

"We want to hog the ball as much as possible," he said.

Bradley led the offense with 90 yards on 22 carries and the TD. He also completed 2-of-4 throws for 26 yards. Wideouts John Pomorski and Ryan Rowe were on the receiving end of the passes.

Fullback Brandt Thomas rushed for 71 yards on 20 carries and running back Matt Kenison

ran seven times for 24 yards. All together, Salem amassed 250 yards on offense.

Before the touchdown it was purely a defensive game.

"The defense as a whole played excellent," Cummings said. "It bent a couple of times but didn't break."

Outside linebacker Tyler Root led the team in tackles and had a tremendous game for the Rocks, according to Cummings.

Defensive back Chris Sorenson broke up some pass plays and defensive end Joe Sander recorded two sacks, Cummings said.

With one down and eight to go, Salem will have to set their sights on neighboring Plymouth High School. The game is scheduled for 7 tonight, following the Canton-Walled Lake Central game.

Plymouth has 22 players returning in only their fourth year in existence. They opened the season with a 38-12 victory against Livonia Churchill.

"It's a cross-over game and not a division game," Cummings said. "It will be a tough game. They have a good team, a lot of good kids."



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SPORTS

Young Eagle squad falls to experienced Crockett

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagles football team battled a giant last Friday and they felt it during the 34-14 wallop from powerhouse Detroit Crockett.

“They were fast, strong and aggressive,” said Romulus Coach Wade Cook of Crockett. “They are a lot better than everybody thought they would be.”

Romulus battled through some injuries and missing players, too,

which may have had an impact on the team’s performance, Cook said.

The Rockets got things going on their first possession; it ended with a touchdown pass within the first two minutes of play. It was nothing but trouble for the Eagles after that. By the end of the first quarter, Crocket had a commanding 20-0 lead. They led, 34-0, at halftime.

Cook said his team would move the ball at times, but Crockett’s linebacker unit would put a stop

to their drives before they could mount a scoring threat.

Senior Brandon Graham, one of the top prospects in the state, leads the unit. He’s a hulking 6-foot-2, 245-pounder with quick speed and good knowledge of the game who’s committed to the University of Michigan.

It was a different game in the second half. Romulus put a stop to Crockett’s scoring and tallied a few of their own.

In the third quarter Romulus recovered a fumble and then

marched it down the field to Crockett’s 8-yard line. Sophomore running phenom Mario Crawford managed to turn the corner past Graham and the rest of the defense for Romulus’ first end zone experience. It made it a 34-7 game.

The Eagles were on the fly again in the fourth. With about two minutes left in the game senior running back Diddier Mami scampered 27 yards to pay dirt to make it a 34-14 game.

But Crockett’s damage was

done and the Eagles ran out of time.

Crawford, despite missing the final period racked up 108 yards on 17 carries.

Defensively, junior linebacker Cedrick Smith led the team with 10 tackles.

“It was a good experience playing a top team like Crockett,” Cook said. “When you play teams of that caliber you can only get better and we will.”

They will play Redford Thurston at 7 tonight in Redford.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 8, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, William Wadsworth

Excused: Debbie Romak.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-300

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 1, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Crova.

Motion Carried.

05-301

3A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to grant a one (1) year extension of the Final Preliminary Plat Approval of Subdivisions 4 & 5 Fairways at Gateway Subdivision. Said extension shall expire August 8, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-302

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to grant Final Plat Approval of Subdivision #4, Fairways at Gateway, lots #226 through #373.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-303

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution for the 76th Church Anniversary for the House of God, Bishop Lovell Wooden Pastor.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-304

5A. Motion by Burcroff supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-03:

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Police Department				
<u>Revenues</u>				
101-3110-513.52-13	2003 LLEBG Grant Rev.	0	16,382	16,382
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
101-3110-731.80-11	Capital Outlay LLEBG	0	16,382	16,382

To add grant revenues and offsetting expenditures for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant not spent in the 04/05 budget previously approved by City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-305

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-04

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Senior Center Construction				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
404-5150-751.90-10	Senior Center Project Costs	0	2,659,304	2,659,304
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
404-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	2,674,524	(2,674,524)	15,220

To move the balance of unused 04/05 budgeted Senior Center Project costs to the 05/06 budget.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-306

5C. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and D.P.W. Director Carl Brooks, and award Bid 05/06-03 - 2005/2006 Season Bulk Road Salt to the only bidder, Morton Salt Company at a per ton price of \$31.18.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-307

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to authorize the closing of Goddard Road from CSX Railroad Track to Bibbins Street and closing of Shook Road from Goddard to Bibbins Street, beginning Friday, September 16, 2005 at 12 o’clock noon until Sunday, September 18, 2005 midnight; in addition, closure of Goddard Road on Friday, September 16, 2005, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. from Wayne Road to Five Points for the Parade of Lights, also granting a NoFee permit to the Pumpkin Festival for all activities during the weekend of the Festival.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-308

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to schedule an Escrow Study Session on Monday, August 22, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the benefits and process of escrow.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-309

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-15 in the grand total amount of Four Hundred, Eighty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy One Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$483,771.23).

Role Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 8, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 8, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: September 1, 2005

SPORTS

Red Wing hockey legends come to Plymouth Fall Fest

Former National Hockey League (NHL) and Detroit Red Wing megastars Mickey Redmond and Dino Ciccarelli will make an appearance at the Plymouth Fall Festival to sign autographs for event goers—for free.

Keller Williams Realty Plymouth Market Center, in conjunction with The West Team Home Mortgages—a CHASE affiliate, will have the megastars at their Fall Fest booth this year.

Each person is only allowed only one autograph. Next to Gordie Howe and Steve Yzerman they are two of the most well known Red Wings in team history.

Ciccarelli joined the Red Wings in the summer of 1992 and scored 41 goals on 97 points in his first season. His number 22 was known as much as a target as a jersey number as he scored a majority of his points from the top of the crease where he endured punishment from opposing

defensemen and goalies. He also helped lead the team to the NHL Stanley Cup Finals in 1995.

Ciccarelli will be on hand at the booth from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9.

All individuals who receive autographs are also allowed one entry form to enter the 6 p.m. raffle to win one of two autographed Dino Ciccarelli jerseys.

Many know Redmond as the color analyst for Hockey Night in Canada and for the Detroit Red Wing broadcasts. But his claim to fame came much earlier in his career.

After wining two Stanley Cups with Montreal he was dispatched to Motown where, in his first complete season with the Wings, joined veteran center Alex Delvecchio to become the first Red Wings in team history to top the 50-goal mark in a single season. And to make sure it wasn't a fluke he turned around and scored 51 goals

the following season. After suffering permanent damage to a nerve in his back he was forced into early retirement at the age 29. He is still a big part of Red Wings game during the broadcasts.

Redmond will be at the Keller Williams booth from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Again, each person is allowed one entry

form to enter the 6 p.m. raffle that day for one of two autographed Mickey Redmond jerseys.

For both raffles, entrants need not be present to win.

To find out more about Keller Williams Realty Plymouth Market Center, call their Plymouth office at 734-459-4700.

Inkster overcomes Robichaud, 22-16

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

First-year Inkster Viking football coach Greg Carter has a new team in a new city and he stepped into a rivalry situation for the first game of the new season.

Things started out rocky when the Vikings landed at Dearborn Heights Robichaud to take on their cross-town rivals, the Bulldogs.

But Carter, a champion coach from the now-closed Detroit St. Martin DePorres High School, proved his weight in gold as he led Inkster to a 22-16 come-from-behind victory last Friday.

The 'Dogs sank their teeth into the lead first, scoring 16 points in the first quarter while the Vikes remained scoreless.

Inkster made their move just four seconds into the second quarter, though.

Sophomore quarterback Aaron Shavers launched a 62-yard pass to receiver Rency Rowllins, according to Carter. The extra point failed, but the Vikes were in the game.

Less than a minute into the second half

they struck again. This time Shavers scrambled 68 yards up the middle and hit pay dirt. The extra point made it a 16-13 game.

The defense did their job, shutting down Robichaud, not only for the rest of the first half, but for the remainder of the game. They even took a safety late in the fourth quarter to make it a 16-15 game. The strong defensive play helped set up the winning touchdown.

With about 1:07 left in the game, Shavers tossed a 20-yard pass to Rowllins to give the Vikings a 22-16 lead.

The Bulldogs still had more than a minute left on the clock and they made good use of it, connecting three consecutive passes to land on Inkster's three-yard line. On the next play the quarterback rolled out but was tackled for a loss as time ran out.

"It was a big game for the kids," Carter said. "It was rivalry situation and everybody was excited.

"We were fortunate to win the game but we'll take it," he added. "Hopefully we can use it as momentum going into the second game."

Inkster will host Ypsilanti at 4 p.m. today.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-037-01-0091-001, also know as 8073 Marlowe Road. The property is located on the east side of Marlowe Road, between Ecorse and Crowley Avenue.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R1-B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicants, Ronny & Alma Springer, are requesting a variance from the 15-foot side yard setback to construct an attached 1 ½ car garage.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE XVII SECTION 17.02 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, FRONT YARD SETBACK AND SIDE YARD SETBACK, R1-B Single Family Residential

15-foot side yard setback required
10-foot side yard setback proposed
5-foot variance requested

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: September 1, 2005
Publish: September 1, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE TO ELECTORS
Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the Primary Election to be held Tuesday, September 13, 2005, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, are physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older.

Notice is further given that Saturday, September 10, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the acceptance thereof.

"LATE" ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be accepted from any registered elector between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the day before the election, Monday, September 12, 2005 if the voter shall personally appear at the Clerk's office. Said ballot may not be taken out of the Clerk's office but must be voted immediately.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector prior to 4:00 p.m. on Election Day if he/she shall become physically disabled or shall be absent from the City of Romulus because of sickness or death in the family which occurred at a time that has made it impossible to apply for Absentee Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: September 1, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE
CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 from 7 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon until 8 o'clock p.m. in the evening, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the following offices:

City Treasurer
City Council

Each person voting on the above must be:

- A) A citizen of the United States of America
- B) A registered elector of the City of Romulus
- C) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The Polling Places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1. Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
- 2. Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
- 3. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
- 4. Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
- 5. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
- 6. Rudgate Community Building, 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus, MI
- 7. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
- 8. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
- 9. Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI
- 10. Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
- 11. Mt. Pleasant School, 3900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
- 12. Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
- 13. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
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- 16. Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
- 17. Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
- 18. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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1. Obituaries

Cooper-Nalls, Kaye (Moore) of Inkster Died July 25, 2005
Kaye was born January 6, 1939 to the late Cleste and Ulyssee Moore. She attended and graduated from Inkster Public Schools in 1957.
Kaye accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. She joined First Missionary Baptist Church of Inkster under the leadership of Pastor Walton. She continued to serve First Missionary Baptist Church faithfully until the Holy Spirit led her to join Cathedral of Faith in 1980. Under the leadership of Dr. J.H. Hinkle she served diligently in the choir and the Love & Peace Ministry until her health declined.

Kaye leaves to cherish her loving memory: Charles Nall, husband; four children, Ersula (Michael) Jeff, Sandra Myers, Julius Jerome Cooper and Jocelyn Cooper; four grandchildren, Alan Myers, Loren Rice, Vashti and Alice Collins; two sisters, Rose Bonner and Joyce (Abdullah) Lahab; four sister-in-law, Vera Stevenson, Alice Hillary, Lillian Ray and Mildred Smith; one brother-in-law, Richard Nalls; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetary, Canton, MI.

Nalls, Charles "Doc" of Inkster
Died August 19
Services were held at Pilgrims Traveler Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor C. Knighten officiating. Charles was born June 16, 1927 to the late Lydia and Vivian Nalls.

Charles accepted Christ at an early age. "Doc", as he was affectionately known, was a very hard worker. Charles worked as a carpenter "extraordinaire", often exhibiting his handiwork at home as well as his church home, Cathedral of Faith.

Charles departed this life on Aug. 19, 2005 just weeks after his dear wife Kaye Cooper-Nalls went home to be with the Lord. Charles leaves to cherish his memory, children, grandchildren, sisters and brother, along with a host of relatives and friends.

Arrangements were handled perfectly by Penn Funeral Home and interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetary, Canton, MI.

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5. Personals

Anyone who witnessed a traffic accident on Friday, August 26, 2005 in front of the Westland Post Office, please contact William at: 734-728-1249.

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#44-341-05
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#44-600-05
2000 Ford 4D
1FAFP10P7XW244928
#44-720-05
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#44-665-05
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#44-694-05
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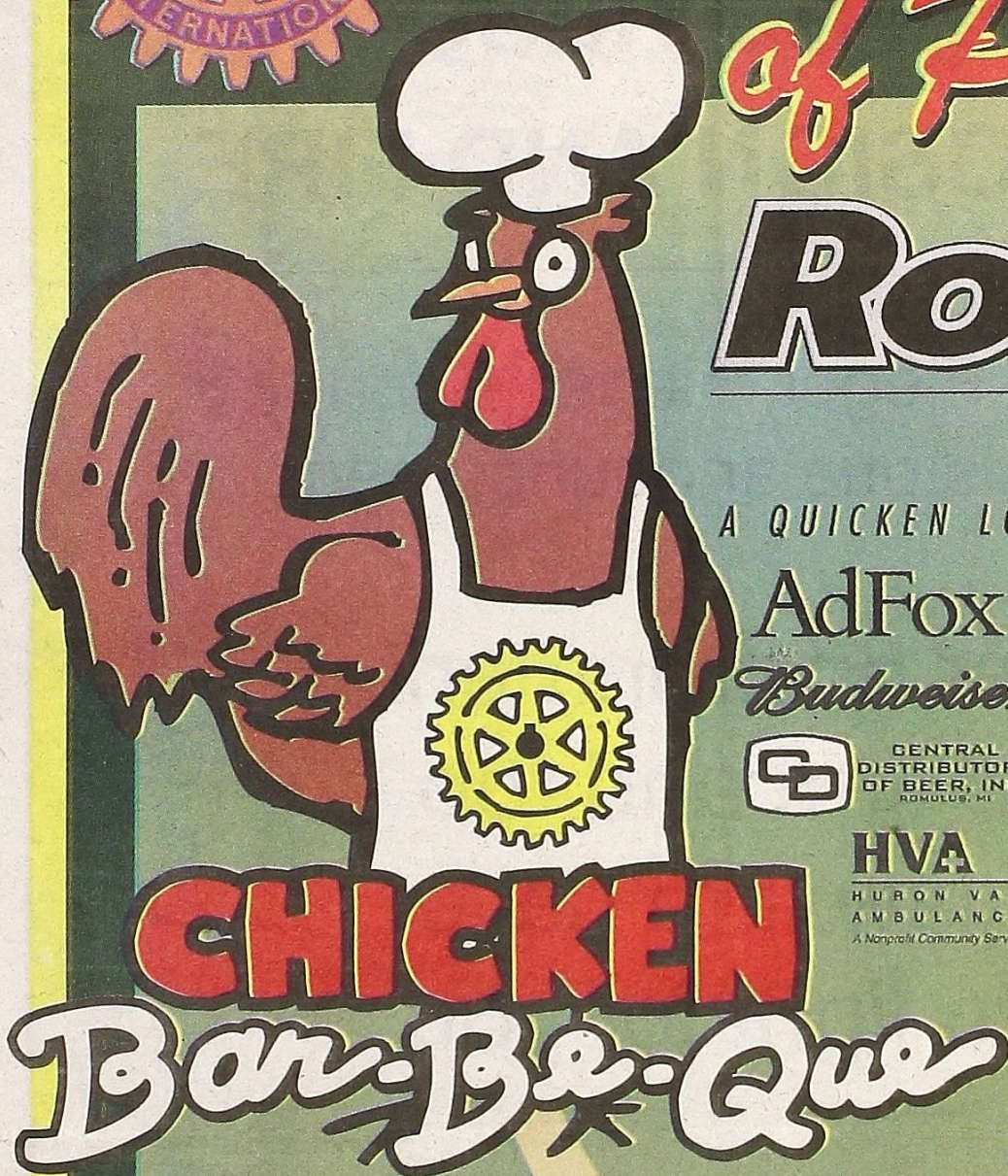
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